AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [00015] as follows

[00015] The method involves using a container (14) having a loading opening (16) and a collection opening (18). A user places the item (10) in the container (14) passing the item (10) through the loading opening (16) activating a first sensor (20). The first sensor (20) sends a first signal (22) to an intelligent device (24). The intelligent device (24) creates a first intelligent device signal (26) that it sends to a communication system (28). The communication system (28) is a radio, cellular, fiber optic, satellite, or wire system. The item (10) is collected through the collection opening (18), having a knob, handle, or key lock (40), thereby activating a second sensor (32). The second sensor (32) sends a second signal (34) to the intelligent device (24). The intelligent device (24) creates a second intelligent signal (36) that it sends to the communication system (28). A software interface processes the first intelligent device signal (26) and the second intelligent device signal (36) and presents the first intelligent device signal (26) and the second intelligent device signal (36) processed by the software interface to the user interface (50). The user interface (50) is the Internet, Intranet, phone, fax, and pager.

Please amend paragraph [00022] as follows

[00022] As seen in FIG 2, the method can further include using a third sensor (42) to ascertain the weight of the item (10) in the container (14). The third sensor (42) should be in communication with the intelligent device (24) with a third signal (44) and the intelligent device provides a weight notification (60) to the user interface (50).

Please amend paragraph [00023] as follows

[00023] The method can involve a fourth sensor (52) to ascertain whether the container (14) has been tampered with. The fourth sensor (52) can be in

communication with the intelligent device (24) with a fourth signal (53). The intelligent device (24) provides a "tampered with" notification (62) to the user interface. The method can include a fifth sensor (54) for detecting hazardous materials. The fifth sensor (54) can be in communication with the intelligent device (24) with a fifth signal (55). The intelligent device provides a hazardous material notification (64) to the user interface (50).